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Very respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

Since the last annual meeting of the Section, specimens have been received from forty-nine sources, to the number of 1710 trays and bottles, a detailed list of which will be found in the "Additions to the Museum." In no year since the acquisition of the A. D. Brown collection in 1887, have there been added so many species new to the Academy, more than 800, or nearly one-half of the total number of additions, being species new to us, and between thirty and forty are species new to science. Most of the latter have been described in the Manual of Conchology, the Proceedings of the Academy, and the Nautilus, during the year.

The more interesting accessions are the series of East Indian land shells purchased by the Section, comprising all of the known species of several genera of Helicidæ and Cyclophoridæ, and nearly all of many other important genera, such as Hypselostoma, Diplomatina, Diaphora, Arinia, Opisthosthoma, etc. Our series of fresh-water shells from the African Lake Tanganika has been almost completed by purchases and donations during the year, only a few species and varieties being still lacking.

Through the liberality of Mr. Frederick Stearns the number of our Japanese marine shells has been greatly augmented, and several interesting new forms have been figured and described in the Proceedings of the Academy and the Manual of Conchology. Dr. H. von Ihering, of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, has presented thirty-four species of South American Unionidæ which, with two or three exceptions, are new to the collection.

Mr. Anastasio Alfaro, Director of the National Museum of Costa Rica, has sent to the Conservator an interesting collection of eighty species collected by him in Costa Rica. Dr. J. C. Cox, of Sidney, N. S. Wales, has presented twenty-five species of land shells from

Australia, and through Mr. S. R. Roberts, rare species of *Cypreæ* and *Marginella*. Our suites of Australasian shells have also been increased by exchanges and gifts from a number of correspondents, Mr. C. T. Musson, forty-one species; Mr. S. W. Wright, twenty-six species, Mr. Chas. Hedley, and others.

Our suites of American shells have been greatly increased by donations from a large number of correspondents of the Conservator, but more especially by the collections of the American Association of Conchologists.

This collection, formed entirely by members of the Association, and constituting an exhibit of mollusks of the United States only, now occupies nine large table cases. 762 trays of specimens have been added during the year, representing nearly as many species. The officers of the Association, John H. Campbell Esq., President, Mr. John Ford, Vice President, and Mr. C. W. Johnson, Secretary, take entire charge of the mounting and labelling of these specimens. More space is already urgently required for this exhibit, and this need is the more imperative because many species in this collection are being *exhibited* for the first time. The regular series of American fresh-water shells of the Academy being for the most part in drawers, frequently several tiers of trays deep, and consequently very difficult to consult.

More space for the display of the Oriental *Helices* and the *Bulimi* is also needed. These groups are now in unsightly and inconvenient heaps on account of the lack of case-room. This confusion could be partly remedied by the use of shallow trays for the drawers, in which a large number of small species could be arranged. This plan has been very successfully adopted by the Conservator in the disposition of several thousand trays of *Clausilia*, *Pupa* and *Cylindrella*; and the members of the Museum Committee earnestly recommend that forty or fifty large drawer-trays be procured for the reception of the species of *Stenogyra*, the smaller operculates, the geographic suites of American *Helices* and a portion of the *Auriculidæ*. This will give room for the proper arrangement of the *Helices* and *Bulimi* during another year.

Of the current numbers of the Manual of Conchology four parts of each series have been issued since the last report. The families *Acmaeidæ*, *Lepetidæ*, *Patellidæ* and *Titiscaniidæ* have been monographed, and in the second series the groups *Geotrochus* and

part of *Cochlostyla*. The specimens of each group have been identified and relabelled.

The Conservator has been much assisted by Mrs. Pilsbry, who has neatly mounted the specimens presented and studied during the year, over three thousand five hundred trays in all. Mr. Campbell and other members of the Museum Committee have also rendered valuable aid in the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. PILSBRY,

Conservator.

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

Much interest has been taken in the work of the Section during the year. The meetings have been fairly well attended, the highest number present at any one meeting being fifteen and the lowest seven. Verbal communications of interest have been made by a majority of the members and reported in the monthly issues of the *Entomological News*. Nearly four hundred books and pamphlets have been added to the library, some of which were purchased, the majority, however, being either donated or received in exchange. The collections are all in fairly good condition, much work having been done on them by the Conservator and the members interested in the several orders. Many valuable additions have been made to the cabinet, in all about 1369 specimens. The most important additions were received from the Greenland Expedition and from Mr. W. J. Fox who presented much of the material he collected in Jamaica. Rev. Dr. McCook presented a valuable and accurately named collection of European Ants which will be very useful for comparison. Many specimens were received through the agency of the *Entomological News* which is published by the Section with the financial aid of the American Entomological Society. Volume two of this journal, consisting of two hundred and fourteen pages with ten plates, has been completed. It has steadily grown both in size and circulation and during the coming year twenty-four pages will be published each month, and each number will be illustrated if possible. At the meeting held December 14th, 1891, the following were elected officers to serve during the coming year :

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	Geo. H. Horn.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	I. C. Martindale.